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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN JAPAN  
(GREW) TO THE JAPANESE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
(MATSUOKA)

Excerpt.

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Since that time, information has been received to the effect that certain cargo at Hanoi as well as at Haiphong has been seized by the Japanese military, but that it was impossible to check the amount and nature of the cargo so seized because the rightful owners were not permitted to inspect the warehouses where their merchandise was stored. Nevertheless, it is known that a substantial amount of American cargo has been taken away.

In bringing this subject again to the attention of the Foreign Office, it is urgently requested that immediate steps be taken to restore the merchandise to its rightful owners. The Government of the United States, as has been stated before, does not recognize the right of the Japanese military to take any action whatsoever in French Indochina against property in which there is an American interest. The American Embassy has been instructed to state that the result of persistence by the Japanese in action such as that described above can only be further deterioration in relations between the United States and Japan.

TOKYO, July 8, 1941.

Foreign Relations II, p. 315.

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抜萃

其ノ後「ハノイ」及ビ「ハイフオニ」ニ於ケル或ル種ノ船舶が日本  
軍ニヨリ差押ヘラレタガ、正當ナル所有者ニシテ、商品ヲ收  
メタ倉庫ヲ査検スルコトが許サレタイタメ、該差押商品ノ量  
及ビ品目ハ判明モタイト、情報ヲ接受シタ。併シ乍ラ米國、  
船舶ノ適當量が持去ニシタコトハ明カデアリ。

本問題ニ就テ再ビ外務省ノ注意ヲ促スニ際シテ商品ヲ正當  
ナ存在ニ返還スベク措置ヲ直ニ採ル様緊急要請スル。

又述、如ク、米公政府ハ佛領印支支那ニ於ケル米  
國ノ利益ヲ含ム財産ニ對シテ日本軍が如何ナル行動ヲ  
取ル權利ヲモ認メナイデアリ。米國大使館ハ日本軍  
ノ上述ノ如キ行動が尚續ケラレルニ於テハ、日米關係  
ヲ更ニ惡化スル結果トナルノミデアルト述ヅル様指令ヲ  
受ケテ居ル。

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